



Weddings At Haleakala National Park

Haleakala volcano is a marriage of light and stone, clouds and forest, ancient and contemporary. It inspires awe and demands contemplation. The serenity of the mountain affects all who take the time to experience wonder. Weddings at Haleakala are small affairs conducted amidst the natural beauty of one of the jewels of our nation.

A Special Use Permit is required to hold a wedding within Haleakala National Park. Follow the guidelines outlined here to ensure that your permit is in place in time for your special occasion.

Timeline:

For a simple ceremony with no chairs or set-up needed, the application and \$100 non-refundable application fee must be received no less than two weeks prior to the requested date. For ceremonies requiring set-up (including chairs, etc.), a minimum of four weeks is necessary in order for your application to receive environmental and cultural compliance review. Until a Special Use Permit is approved and issued, the requested date and location cannot be guaranteed.

Once an application is approved, a permit will be written and the permittee will have to review and sign it confirming their intent to adhere to all permit conditions. Once the permittee has signed the permit, the Park Superintendent will authorize the permit with his/her signature.

Application:

The submission of a Special Use Permit application starts the process. The application form may be requested from our office or can be found online at:
<http://www.nps.gov/hale/planyourvisit/permits.htm>.

Please fill out the application completely; incomplete applications will not be considered. Provide as much detail as you can regarding your event; you may attach additional pages.

Along with your application, you must submit the non-refundable \$100 application fee. We will accept a check or money order made payable to the National Park Service or you can make a notation on the application stating that you will contact our office with your credit card information. Applications will not be reviewed until payment is received.

Applications can be sent via the postal service, UPS, email, or fax:

POSTAL SERVICE:

Haleakala National Park
Business and Revenue Office
Post Office Box 369
Makawao, HI 96768-0369

UPS :

Haleakala National Park
Business and Revenue Office
Mile Marker 11, Crater Road
Kula, HI 96790

Email: HALE_Commercial_Manager@nps.gov

Fax: 808-572-4438

Please note that only UPS delivers to the park; we cannot receive packages via FedEx, Airborne Express or DHL.

Fees and Charges:

Application Fee: A \$100 non-refundable application fee is required. This covers the first two hours of time spent on the permit to include initial communications, site visits, compliance review, and writing of permit conditions.

Administrative Charges: Permits that require more than two hours of administrative time for review, site visits, meetings, or permit processing will be charged at the rate of \$50 per hour. This is rare for weddings.

Monitoring Charges: Weddings will be monitored when there is concern of impact to other visitors, cultural sites, or endangered species habitat. This charge is based on actual time spent (including travel time) and is charged at the rate of \$50 per hour (in quarter hour increments). This, too, is rare for wedding. If monitoring is necessary, the permittee will be charged up front for this. Any credit due the permittee for time charged but not worked will be refunded after the permitted activity is completed.

Locations:

Approved locations are listed below. No wedding permits will be approved for any group larger than 25 persons. Permits will not be approved for sites within the Wilderness Area (including wilderness cabins and campgrounds) or for the Ka apahu or Alelele areas near Kipahulu. Other locations may be approved pending a compliance review.

Keep in mind that these are public areas and the park will not exclude or allow you to exclude other park visitors from the site during your ceremony.

Summit Area Sites:

Pu'u'ula'ula (Red Hill)

Haleakala Visitor Center area

Pa'ka'oao (White Hill) Kalahaku Overlook

Leleiwi Overlook

Hosmer Grove (on NPS land only; not on Haleakala Ranch land)

Kipahulu Area Sites:

Kuloa Point

Kuloa Loop Trail

Coastal Trail from Kuloa Point to Kipahulu Campground

Terms and conditions that will be part of your permit:

- The safety of the public, park employees and individuals involved with the special use activity will be a prime consideration at all times.

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- Weddings cannot interfere with normal visitor activity in any manner nor deny them access to any facility normally open to the public; expect that there will be other visitors present.
- Vehicle or foot travel off designated roadways, walkways, sidewalks, or trails is prohibited.
- Native materials will not be used for props except as a natural backdrop.
- Throwing or scattering of rice, bird seed, flowers, confetti, streamers, or other litter is prohibited. All plant, flower material, decorations and trash shall be removed by the permittee after the activity concludes.
- Electrical power will not be furnished nor will generators be allowed. Audio devices (e.g. electrified musical instruments, P.A. systems, tape players, etc.) are prohibited. Non-amplified musical instruments that do not impact the visitor experience may be considered in some locations—e.g. flute, violin, ukulele.
- Erecting of banners, signs, etc. is prohibited.
- Food service is prohibited (except at designated picnic/camping areas).
- Vehicles entering the park for the wedding are subject to the entrance fee (\$10 per private, non-commercial vehicle). Commercial vehicles are subject to standard commercial entrance fees.
- A separate Commercial Photography Permit may be required depending on the complexity of the project.
- If in doubt about any proposed action, the permittee shall consult with the Wedding Coordinator and Special Park Use Manager prior to initiating the action. Failure to do so will not absolve the permittee from responsibility for their actions.

For additional information, you can contact the Business and Revenue Program Specialist at 808-572-4440 or at HALE_commercial_manager@nps.gov.